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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents, cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 § (e)(1), each item of information listed on enclosed PTO-1449 form was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Accordingly, no fee is due.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form (submitted in duplicate).

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this submission. However if this is incorrect, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account Number 16-2312.

Respectfully submitted,

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